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Commissioner Jane Henney  
FDA Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
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Re: Docket No. OOP-1211/CP1 (Support of Labeling of Genetically Engineered Foods; Support of a Moratorium on GE Foods)

Dear Madame:

*Labeling.* Genetically engineered foods **need** to be labeled. Without labeling, we don't have a free market at all, because consumers lose the ability to purchase what suits their needs. Consumers have many diverse criteria for choosing products appropriate to meet their needs e.g. label appeal, advertising appeal, familiarity, quality, personal bias, location of origin, method of production, nutritional aspects, dietary restrictions for personal, religious, ethical, or allergic reasons, etc. In a truly free market, a consumer can base their choice on any criteria they wish. When the FDA does not provide for labeling products with "genetically engineered" when consumers want to know this information and base selection on it, then the FDA is interfering with the existence of a free market. They are also unfairly benefitting companies which are hiding products which some consumers don't want behind a screen labeled "safe." Simultaneously, in the absence of needed labeling, the FDA is hurting companies which are producing products the consumers want.

*Moratorium.* Genetically engineered crops are endangering neighboring biological systems such as natural plants and animals and organic crops through genetic drift and genetic pollution. Individuals who stand to gain from genetically engineered foods whether researchers, companies or farmers should not be allowed to harm others involuntarily and without compensation or any possible remediation in this way. There needs to be a moratorium on genetically engineered food production until it is demonstrated that it can be contained completely and safely.

Sincerely,



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